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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Majority prices for next week were trending unchanged in all areas. Trade sentiment was steady. Retail demand was light to moderate with few features. Food service covered the full range with best interest into delis, fast food, and sports bars. In parts of the Midwest, increased movement is expected as the baseball World Series beings this weekend. Supplies of all sizes were usually sufficient to satisfy trade needs. In the parts structure, demand was light to no better than fair. Breast items were fully sufficient to available, at times long for tenders. Dark meat was at least adequate, wings were mostly sufficient, and gizzards were seasonally tight. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were mixed, but mostly desirable.

Preliminary report Prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers bob and delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 23-OCT-2006 (cents per lb)

US GRADE A

| AREAS | MAJORITY | RANGE | WTD AVG | LOADS |
|------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|------------|-------|
| (Including branded product) | | | | |
| Delivered to First Receivers | | | | |
| Chicago | 57.00-60.00 | 44.00-67.00 | 58.45 | 29 |
| New York | 60.00-63.00 | | | |
| Los Angeles | 77.00 | | | |
| Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent | | | | |
| Mississippi | 67.00-70.00 | 52.00-73.00 | 68.72 | 92 |

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 69.50 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

PRELIMINARY FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT

| LOADS | RANGE | FRIDAY PRELIM. WTD. AVG. |
|---|-------------|--------------------------|
| 963 | 63.00-70.25 | 69.05 |
| Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed preliminary weighted average price on ice-packed parts: | | |
| | WTD. AVG. | VOLUME |
| LINE RUN TENDERS | 151.50 | 1,170 |
| BREASTS - B/S | 119.50 | 5,451 |
| BREASTS - WHOLE | 75.00 | 1,255 |
| THIGH MEAT - B/S | 78.50 | 1,059 |
| LEG QUARTERS | 28.50 | 8,277 |
| WINGS | 89.00 | 2,666 |

This information is supplied by the Georgia Department of Agriculture's Poultry Market News Service.

SOUTHERN BROILER Trade sentiment was generally steady. Retail and foods service demand was light to fair, instances moderate for fast food, with trading usually limited to regular commitments. Supplies were at least adequate, but closer balanced for wogs, particularly heavier sizes. In the parts structure, interest entering the weekend was light to fair. Wings were readily available, and dark meat was adequate to fully sufficient. Breast items were adequate to ample with tenders in the longest balance. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable weights.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYERS Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was mixed, but mostly fair to moderate entering the weekend. Offerings were adequate and clearing satisfactorily. Retail and distributive movement was fair to moderate, best into fast food outlets. The market tone was steady. In the parts complex, breast items were at least adequate; tenders were readily available and slow to clear. Wings were at least sufficient for current needs. Other items were at least adequate to fully adequate.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS The market tone was steady. Offerings adequate. Retailer demand moderate. Dealers anticipated moderate weekend carryovers.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS The preliminary majority price delivered into the Chicago area for next week was unchanged from last Monday's final majority price. The whole broiler/fryer market tone closes the week at steady. Additional offerings of whole fryers were adequate for trade needs. Retail activity was light to moderate. Demand into distributive sectors was mixed, ranging light to fairly good, with best interest into sports bars, fast food venues, and delicatessens. Several market participants in the Michigan area anticipate increased interest through all channels for the start of the Baseball World Series this weekend. Floor stocks were balanced to long, while sizes were mostly desirable. Trading into parts channels continues to be for immediate needs only and generally light. Supplies of wings were adequate, fully adequate on breast cuts, and adequate to available on dark meat items. The trade sentiment on wings was steady to barely steady, barely steady on boneless skinless breasts, and mixed on leg cuts.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was mixed and irregular, but was sufficient in keeping the bulk of seller offerings cleared satisfactorily. Live supplies were moderate; weights were light to heavy, mostly desirable to heavy. Processor schedules were moderate. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 61 to 73 cents. Trade sentiment was mostly steady. In the parts complex, offerings were at least adequate. Tenders, thighs and in some instances wings were slow to clear. Gizzards were under increased buying interest tied to upcoming seasonal holiday needs.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA.

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A

| | |
|------------------|-------------------------|
| RANGE | 58-78 |
| WEIGHTED AVERAGE | (A) |
| NO. OF BOXES | (A) |
| CUMULATIVE | 10/16/06 - 10/20/06 (A) |
| | 10/17/05 - 10/21/05 (A) |
| NO. OF BOXES | 10/16/06 - 10/20/06 (A) |
| | 10/17/05 - 10/21/05 (A) |

(A) NOT REPORTED TO AVOID DISCLOSING INDIVIDUAL OPERATIONS

| OCT 19 | | | | | SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS | | | | | OCT 20 | |
|---|-------------------|------------------------|----------|------------|---|--------------|------------------------|---------|----------------------|---------|--|
| POUNDS | | | | | POUNDS | | | | | WEEKLY | |
| ITEM | (000) | RANGE | MAJORITY | WTD AVG | (000) | RANGE | MAJORITY | WTD AVG | (000) | WTD AVG | |
| BREAST - B/S | 980 | 80.00-162.00 | - | 92.67 | 345 | 82.00-164.00 | - | 100.51 | 3,525 | 95.32 | |
| TENDERLOINS | 203 | 70.00-151.00 | - | 84.47 | 208 | 75.00-151.00 | - | 89.46 | 1,155 | 87.46 | |
| BREAST - LINE RUN | TOO FEW TO REPORT | | | | TOO FEW TO REPORT | | | | 393 | 74.31 | |
| FRONT HALVES | TOO FEW TO REPORT | | | | TOO FEW TO REPORT | | | | 450 | 53.41 | |
| LEGS | 203 | 29.00-41.00 | 30 | 31.15 | 228 | 29.00-41.00 | 30 | 30.91 | 1,058 | 31.21 | |
| LEG QUARTERS (BULK) | 548 | 20.00-29.00 | 23-24 | 23.67 | 588 | 19.00-29.00 | 23-24 | 23.35 | 2,945 | 23.65 | |
| LEG QUARTERS (4/10) | 794 | 20.00-31.00 | 25 | 24.93 | 769 | 20.00-31.00 | 25 | 25.09 | 3,805 | 25.13 | |
| WINGS (WHOLE) | 293 | 72.00-93.00 | - | 80.25 | 1,233 | 72.00-93.00 | 77-82 | 81.89 | 2,353 | 81.77 | |
| WINGS (CUT) | 200 | 85.00-98.00 | - | 89.15 | 245 | 92.00-100.00 | 95-98 | 96.00 | 1,560 | 94.23 | |
| DRUMSTICKS | TOO FEW TO REPORT | | | | TOO FEW TO REPORT | | | | 289 | 28.74 | |
| THIGHS | TOO FEW TO REPORT | | | | TOO FEW TO REPORT | | | | 234 | 23.33 | |
| B/S THIGHS | TOO FEW TO REPORT | | | | TOO FEW TO REPORT | | | | 344 | 76.45 | |
| ***** | | | | | ***** | | | | | ***** | |
| WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS | | | | | WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS | | | | | | |
| TRADING FOR OCT 19, 2006 -- F.O.B. DOCK. | | | | | TRADING FOR OCT 20, 2006 -- F.O.B. DOCK. | | | | | | |
| <u>RANGE</u> | | <u>TODAY'S AVERAGE</u> | | | <u>RANGE</u> | | <u>TODAY'S AVERAGE</u> | | <u>5-DAY AVERAGE</u> | | |
| 35.50 - 41.00 | | 37.38 | | | 31.00 - 41.00 | | 34.84 | | 37.94 | | |

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS - Trucklot buying interest was light to no better than fair entering the weekend. Offerings of breast items were fully adequate to available for current needs; tenders were ample. Dark meat cuts were at least adequate and wings were generally sufficient. Movement through retail and distributive channels was light to fair. The market tone was barely steady for breast items; barely steady to weak for tenders. The balance of items were mostly steady.

ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND.

| OCT 19 | | | | OCT 20 | | | |
|----------------------------|-------------------------|--------------|---------|----------------------------|-------------------------|--------------|---------|
| | | | | | | | |
| ITEM | CURRENT NEG TRADING* | WTD AVG** | VOL/LBS | ITEM | CURRENT NEG TRADING* | WTD AVG** | VOL/LBS |
| BREAST - B/S | 100-105 | 102.64 | 786,064 | BREAST - B/S | 100-105 | 98.19 | 588,378 |
| TENDERLOINS | 85-90 | 95.04 | 180,960 | TENDERLOINS | 85-90 | 86.94 | 140,560 |
| BREAST - WITH RIBS | 69-70 | 74.21 | 100,280 | BREAST - WITH RIBS | 69-70 | 79.09 | 54,680 |
| BREAST - LINE RUN | 69 | 68.70 | 90,000 | BREAST - LINE RUN | 69 | 69.20 | 90,000 |
| LEGS | 39-40 | 38.74 | 120,720 | LEGS | 39-40 | 35.44 | 223,400 |
| LEG QUARTERS (BULK) | 28-29 | 29.37 | 355,800 | LEG QUARTERS (BULK) | 28-29 | 28.92 | 383,200 |
| DRUMSTICKS | 29-30 | 32.33 | 72,120 | DRUMSTICKS | 29-30 | 33.96 | 117,160 |
| THIGHS | 25-26 | 33.93 | 71,040 | THIGHS | 25-26 | 35.40 | 54,240 |
| B/S THIGHS | 80-81 | 79.98 | 95,760 | B/S THIGHS | 80-81 | 78.92 | 93,080 |
| WINGS (WHOLE) | 84-85 | 90.06 | 206,980 | WINGS (WHOLE) | 84-85 | 90.71 | 187,240 |
| BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED) | 10-12 | 11.58 | 19,400 | BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED) | 10-12 | 12.20 | 18,440 |
| LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS) | 30-35 | 27.99 | 17,520 | LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS) | 30-35 | 28.59 | 13,040 |
| GIZZARDS (HEARTS) | 50-55 | 53.52 | 20,080 | GIZZARDS (HEARTS) | 55-60 | 53.32 | 19,760 |

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, RI, & PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG). * NEG. SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

| | ESTIMATED | | ACTUAL | | AVG WT | | ACTUAL | | AVG WTS |
|----------------|--|--------|--------|--------|--------|-------|-------------|-------|------------|
| | 10/20 | 10/19 | 10/18 | 10/17 | 10/18 | 10/17 | 10/13 | 10/11 | |
| Alabama | 4,512 | 4,055 | 3,855 | 3,910 | 5.52 | 5.57 | 4,524 | 5.49 | |
| Arkansas | 5,191 | 5,321 | 5,197 | 5,405 | 5.37 | 5.40 | 5,262 | 5.36 | |
| Delmarva | 2,182 | 2,316 | 2,325 | 2,559 | 5.72 | 5.77 | 2,200 | 5.68 | |
| KY-LA-TN | 2,322 | 2,390 | 2,309 | 2,264 | 5.43 | 5.21 | 2,284 | 5.13 | |
| Mississippi | 3,717 | 2,872 | 2,870 | 2,880 | 5.93 | 5.94 | 2,821 | 5.89 | |
| North Carolina | 2,669 | 2,699 | 2,645 | 2,644 | 6.90 | 7.02 | 2,781 | 6.94 | |
| Texas | 2,577 | 2,566 | 2,219 | 2,560 | 6.03 | 5.35 | 2,565 | 5.33 | |
| Total | 23,170 | 22,219 | 21,420 | 21,940 | 5.77 | 5.71 | 22,437 | 5.66 | |
| Mon-Fri | 111,416 (A) | | | | | | 109,068 (A) | | |
| Saturday | 1,856 (included in total for date shown) | | | | | | 2,211 | | |

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above. Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 20-Oct-06 and 21-Oct-06 is estimated to be 34,665,000 head up 2.96 percent from a week ago and up 2.80 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 33,669,000, last year 33,721,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the weekending 21-Oct-06 is estimated to be 165,457,000 head up 2.31 percent from a week ago, and up 1.02 percent from a year ago. (Last week 161,719,000, last year 163,790,000)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RETAILERS

| | RANGE |
|------------------|--------|
| FRESH FRYERS | 91-100 |
| ROASTERS 4# & UP | 99-108 |
| HENS UNDER 5# | - |
| HENS OVER 5# | 65-74 |
| DUCKS | - |
| RABBITS-WHOLE | - |
| RABBITS-CUT UP | - |

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY DLVRD TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

| | ICE PACK | RANGE |
|------------------|----------|---------|
| FRESH FRYERS | ICE PACK | 93-105 |
| | DRY PACK | 110-114 |
| ROASTERS 4# & UP | ICE PACK | 98 |
| | DRY PACK | 111-118 |
| HENS OVER 5# | ICE PACK | 86-100 |
| | DRY PACK | 100-107 |
| DUCKS | | 190-195 |

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED Under federal inspection,

Week ending 14-Oct-06

| | (A) 4.25 lbs & down | (B) 4.26- 6.26 lbs | (C) 6.26- 7.75 lbs | (D) 7.76 lbs & up | Total |
|---------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|---------|
| | Thousands | | | | |
| (Preliminary) | | | | | |
| Head | 40,380 | 81,002 | 21,541 | 18,796 | 161,719 |
| Avg Live Wgt | 3.77 | 5.49 | 7.00 | 8.19 | 5.61 |
| % of total /1 | 25% | 50% | 13% | 12% | 100% |
| Comparisons | | | | | |
| Last week | 42,025 | 87,962 | 23,259 | 16,480 | 169,726 |
| Avg Live Wgt | 3.83 | 5.47 | 7.03 | 8.18 | 5.57 |
| % of total /1 | 25% | 51% | 14% | 10% | 100% |
| Year Ago 2/ | 39,370 | 86,757 | 28,311 | 10,310 | 164,748 |
| Avg Live Wgt | 3.87 | 5.41 | 7.03 | 8.27 | 5.50 |
| % of total /1 | 24% | 53% | 17% | 6% | 100% |

To date/2006 1,895,048 3,277,984 927,968 527,666 6,628,666
 To date/2005 1,941,030 3,224,286 1,091,851 357,259 6,614,426

/1 May not total to 100% due to rounding.

/2 Comparable week.

Weight Class Description:

(A) This size product is normally marketed bone-in into fast food and food service sectors and may include Cornish hens.

(B) This size product is normally marketed into the retail grocery sector in tray pack or bagged forms.

(C) This size product is normally marketed either into the retail grocery sector in tray pack and IQF form or is further processed and marketed into various sectors. (D) This size product is normally marketed deboned or as roasters or roasting chicken.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION W/E 14-Oct-06

| | YOUNG CHICKENS | LIGHT HENS | HEAVY HENS | TOTAL HENS | DUCKS |
|----------------|-------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------|
| | THOUSANDS | | | | |
| (Preliminary) | | | | | |
| Head | 161,719 | 1,008 | 1,538 | 2,546 | 483 |
| Avg Wt | 5.61 | 3.29 | 8.05 | 6.17 | 6.67 |
| Last week | 169,726 | 952 | 1,672 | 2,624 | 457 |
| Same wk yr ago | 164,748 | 1,322 | 1,501 | 2,823 | 498 |
| Avg Wt | 5.50 | 3.31 | 7.98 | 5.79 | 6.98 |
| To-date/2006 | 6,628,666 | 44,751 | 60,884 | 105,635 | 20,542 |
| To-date/2005 | 6,614,426 | 59,844 | 58,095 | 117,939 | 20,342 |

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 163.3 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 163.7 million head, or 0.4 million more than estimated available.

ESTIMATED U.S. FRYER SLAUGHTER/FRYER AVAILABILITY COMPARISON

| WEEK ENDING | MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED | MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE | PCT | AVG WT |
|--------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|------|-----------|
| September 9 | 156.5 | 162.0 | 97% | 5.39 |
| 16 | 168.5 | 163.7 | 103% | 5.45 |
| 23 | 167.8 | 164.6 | 102% | 5.49 |
| 30 | 166.7 | 164.5 | 101% | 5.49 |
| October 7 | 171.8 | 164.2 | 105% | 5.57 |
| 14 | 163.7 | 163.3 | 100% | 5.61 |
| Year to date | 6709.1 | 6717.6 | 100% | |
| October 21 | | 162.9 | | |
| 28 | | 163.3 | | |

BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER

Under Federal Inspection

| | THOUSANDS | | | | |
|----------|-----------|----------|-------|----------|-------|
| W/E | 10/21/06 | 10/14/06 | % CHG | 10/22/05 | % CHG |
| Broilers | 165,457 | 161,719* | +2.31 | 163,790* | +1.02 |
| Cattle | 639 | 625 | +02 | 621* | +03 |
| Hogs | 2,213 | 2,166 | +02 | 2,191* | +01 |

*ACTUAL

EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY

FOR CURRENT DELIVERY FOR THE WEEK OF 16-OCT-2006

DUCKLINGS: PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A, 4-5 POUNDS, DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

| ORIGIN | FROZEN | FRESH |
|-----------------------|---------|---------|
| LONG ISLAND MOSTLY | 151-155 | 157-161 |

| | | |
|-------------------|---------|---------|
| MIDWEST MOSTLY | 136-146 | 138-148 |
|-------------------|---------|---------|

ROASTERS: PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 POUNDS AND UP, DELIVERED. CENTS PER POUND

| | RANGE | MOSTLY |
|-----------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX) | 60.00-66.00 | 64.00-65.00 |
| VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX) | 69.00-87.00 | 72.00-73.00 |

SQUABS: NEW YORK AREA WHOLESALE PRICES, FROZEN, PLANT GRADE, DOLLARS PER DOZEN, 1 TO 10 BOXES

12 OZ. 62.64 - 85.05

14 OZ. 69.12 - 96.39

16 OZ. 74.88 - 106.73

THE EASTERN REGION INCLUDES:

CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA RI, SC, VA, VT & WV

CENTRAL REGION DUCKLINGS Prices unchanged. Trade sentiment about steady. Demand was moderate to fairly good. Supplies were balanced to adequate. Schedules full time. Prices paid to first receivers for 10-18oz boneless breast at \$4.50-5.25, bone in legs at \$1.45-2.40, gizzards at \$1.20-1.40, wings at \$.65-.70, livers at \$.95-1.70, and feet at \$.65-1.00.

DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, 4-5 POUNDS, WEEK OF 16-OCT-2006

| ORIGIN | FROZEN | FRESH |
|--------------------|---------|---------|
| MIDWEST AND OTHERS | 129-146 | 130-148 |

GRAYSTONE SMALL ANIMAL AUCTION - October 17, 2006

AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY

Prices paid per pound, except as noted.

RANGE

| | |
|-----------------------------|----------------|
| Muscovy Ducks - Drakes | .70 - .90 |
| Pullets 4-6 LBS | .50 - .60 |
| Pekin Ducks | 2.00 - 2.50ea. |
| Red Fowl 4-5 LBS | .20 - .30 |
| Red Fowl 5-6 LBS | .40 - .50 |
| Crossbred Fowl 5-9 LBS | .30 - .35 |
| Crossbred Roosters 4-6 LBS | .40 - .70 |
| Crossbred Roosters 7-11 LBS | .25 - .30 |
| Guinea Fowl | 1.30 - 1.50ea. |
| Banty Roosters | 1.50 - 2.00ea. |
| Banty Hens | .25 - .75ea. |
| Leghorn Hens | - .50ea. |
| Silkie | 2.50 - 2.75ea. |
| Geese 9-14 LBS | .10 - .12 |
| Pigeons | 3.00 - 3.50ea. |
| White Pigeons | 3.25 - 3.50ea. |
| Rabbits 4-6 LBS | 1.30 - 1.40 |
| Rabbits 6-9 LBS | .80 - 1.20 |
| Bunnies | 1.50 - 4.00ea. |
| Guinea Pigs | 3.00 - 3.25ea. |
| Muscovy Ducks - Hens | - .70 |

Total Coops Sold 240

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET Trading on heavy canners was too few to report; slightly higher on lights when compared to a week earlier. Offerings were generally adequate to at least adequate with most available supplies of heavy canners being used internally. Demand was fair to moderate. Processing schedules were noted as normal. The undertone was steady.

Cents per Pound, Current Negotiations, Without Freight Cost

| | |
|---|--|
| LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS) | HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS) |
| 18-28 MAJORITY 23.5-24 | TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT |

Cents per Pound, Current Negotiations, Freight Cost Included

| | |
|---|--|
| LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS) | HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS) |
| 20-29 MAJORITY 25-26 | TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT |

LIGHT TYPE HENS

CENTS PER HEAD, GENERALLY FOR REMOVAL WITHIN THE NEXT 10 DAYS (INCLUDES HANDLING, FREIGHT AND ANY OTHER CHARGES, WEIGHTS AVERAGE ABOUT 3.50 POUNDS)

EASTERN REGION LIGHT LIVE HENS Prices were generally unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand ranged light to moderate. Offerings were mostly adequate. Processing schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was steady.

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|--------------|--------------|-----------------|
| | RANGE | MAJORITY |
| REMOVAL COST | 6-12 | 9-11 |

SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HENS Disposal costs were TFEWR. Demand was light for fully adequate offerings of spent hens. Schedules were reduced. Finished sales were fair. Trade sentiment was about steady.

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|--------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| | RANGE | MAJORITY |
| REMOVAL COST | TOO FEW TO REPORT | |

NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HENS Removal prices ranged unchanged to higher. Offerings were adequate to about adequate with demand light to moderate. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment mostly steady.

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|--------------|--------------|-----------------|
| | RANGE | MAJORITY |
| REMOVAL COST | 5-11 | 6-9 |

WEST COAST LIGHT Plants schedule moderate. Offerings adequate.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *
PRELIMINARY PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR
SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 23-OCT-06

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Trading levels were too few to report. Demand was moderate for fully adequate offerings of heavy hens. Schedules were reduced. Finished sales were fair. Trade sentiment was about steady.

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|-----------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| | RANGE | MAJORITY |
| AT FARM BUYER LOADING | TOO FEW TO REPORT | |

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Sales were too few to report prices. Demand was fair to moderate for the at least adequate to fully adequate offerings of spent hens. Processing schedules for next week were noted as normal. Sales of finished product was fair. The undertone was steady.

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|--------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| | RANGE | MAJORITY |
| AT FARM BUYER LOADING | TOO FEW TO REPORT | |
| AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING | TOO FEW TO REPORT | |
| FOB PLANT | TOO FEW TO REPORT | |

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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| Des Moines, IA | Voice | (515)284-4471 | Mary L. Adkins, |
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| | Recorded | (515)284-4545 | |
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